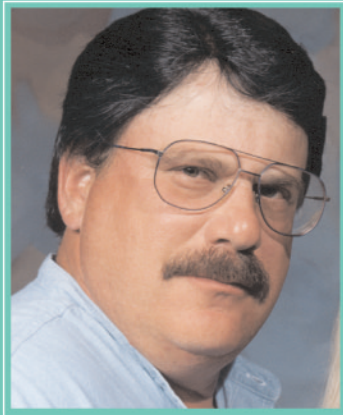


Please mail your form and your school corporation's tobacco free policy to:

Attn: Gary Sandifur Tobacco Free School Award
150 West Market Street, Suite 406
Indianapolis, IN 46204



A W A R D



Gary Sandifur was a dedicated husband and father from Kokomo, Indiana. He was also a life-long smoker. Gary had promised his family that on his 50th birthday, he would quit smoking. Before turning 50, Gary began experiencing headaches and dizziness. He visited his doctor for testing. The day before his 50th birthday, he got the results of his tests: Brain Tumors. Gary later found out that he had stage-4 lung cancer and that the cancer had spread from his lungs to his brain. Gary had promised his family that he wouldn't smoke after he turned 50. He was right.

After learning that he was dying of cancer, Gary began to speak to children and teenagers about the dangers of smoking. He wanted to get the message out to as many people as possible: that smoking was not worth the risk involved. Gary didn't get to finish the work he started. After living twice as long as the doctors told him he would, and talking to as many kids as he could, Gary lost his battle with cancer. His wife, Lorene Sandifur, decided to continue the work Gary had begun. She and Gary became the subjects of a series of commercials about the effects of tobacco in Indiana. She continues to speak to children, teenagers and adults about the harmful effects of tobacco, helping to finish the job her husband started, but was unable to complete. This award was created in memory and honor of Gary Sandifur and the Sandifur family, as well as the countless other Hoosier families who have been harmed by tobacco use.

Award Criteria

The Gary Sandifur Tobacco Free School Award recognizes those school corporations in Indiana that have policies prohibiting any tobacco use by students, all school staff, parents, and visitors on school property and in school vehicles 24 hours a day.

Award Application

Contact Name: _____

School District: _____

Address: _____

County: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

E-mail: _____ School Web site: _____

Why did your school corporation decide to go tobacco free?

When was this policy implemented? _____

Please explain any challenges that you had to face to get this policy passed.

Please explain any feedback you have received from your community.

A copy of your school corporation's policy must be attached to this form.